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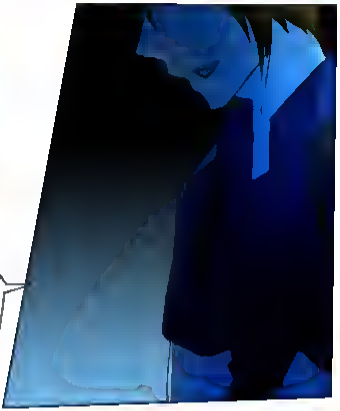


AS A POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS STRANGER TO US, IT WASN'T ENTIRELY YOUR BUSINESS TO KNOW BEFORE. I'M SURE YOU WOULD UNDERSTAND WHERE I'M COMING FROM.

THERE'S MORE TO THIS WORLD THAN WHAT YOU SEE SUPERFICIALLY

AGAIN.

OH, AND I ALREADY FIXED UP THAT DISLOCATED SHOULDER YOU HAD EARLIER JUST TO LET YOU KNOW YOU WERE ASLEEP AT THE TIME, BUT I MANAGED TO GET IT INTO THE SOCKET PROPERLY.

CAN YOU HEAR ME ALRIGHT? CAN YOU STAY AWAKE?

WE'RE ALMOST THERE! SO JUST HANG ON OK? YOU'LL BE OK.

—H-HURTS

I'M A BADASS. I'M A BADASS. I'M A BADASS.

REPRESENTATION OF OUR FEARS.

I MEAN, IF YOU CAN'T CONTAIN YOUR FEAR, IT WILL CONTAIN YOU.

THAT'S WHY WE EXIST.

THIS IS LEON MORI TAKE HIM DIRECTLY TO IRIS. SHE SHOULD BE EXPECTING HIM
UNDERSTOOD.
PAIN
I'VE GOT BUSINESS ELSEWHERE FOR NOW BUT I'LL BE BACK BY THE TIME IRIS IS DONE WITH YOU

IN THE BEGINNING, THESE DEMONS STALK YOU. IT STARTS OUT AS THAT LITTLE VOICE IN YOUR HEAD REMINDING YOU OF WHAT YOU TRY TO RUN FROM

IF THEY'RE NOT ADDRESSED PROPERLY THEY CAN GROW TO INTERFERE WITH YOUR LIFE AND NURTURE INHIBITION. THEY'LL LEAD YOU ASTRAY AND EVENTUALLY TRY TO ISOLATE YOU FROM

STRONG EMOTIONS CAN ALSO TRIGGER THESE MONSTERS TO REAR THEIR UGLY HEADS.
THEY ATTACH TO US WHEN WE'RE MOST VULNERABLE. WHEN WE SHOW OUR WEAKNESS, OUR CORE
THEN IN ORDER FOR THEM TO BECOME

AS YOU'VE EXPERIENCED PERSONALLY, WE LIVE SIDE BY SIDE THE MONSTERS CREATED FROM WITHIN US.

THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF PEOPLE: THE ONES WHO CAN OVERCOME THEIR FEARS, AND THE ONES WHO CAN'T.

FOR THE LATTER, THEIR OVERWHELMING FEARS BECOME THEIR DEMONS IN A LITERAL SENSE.

BRING HIM IN.
WE'RE ALL READY.

BUT IT'S NOT LIKE I WENT IN THERE ON MY OWN THOUGH...
I TOLD YOU, I WAS PUSHE
BLIP
BLIP
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE HERE.
BLIP
BLIP
—
YOU'LL BE TAKEN STRAIGHT TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM TO GET PROPERLY PATCHED UP

AFTER THEY'VE HOLLOWED US OUT, THEY'LL PROCEED TO TAKE WHAT'S LEFT AND POSSESS OUR BODIES.

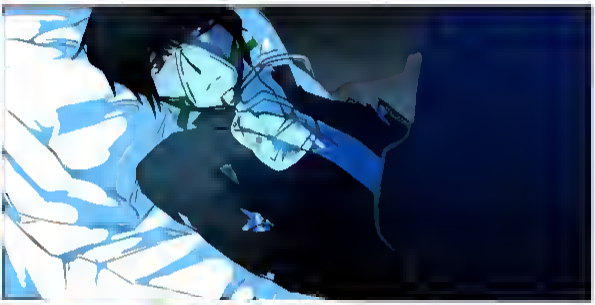
THOSE DEMONS TAKE ON PHYSICAL FORM AND GO OUT ON A EVIL SPREE.

THEY MAKE CRIMINALS OUT OF US TO SATIATE THEIR THIRST FOR HAVOC. WE ARE NO LONGER OURSELVES.

YOU SEEM A LOT MORE ENERGETIC NOW THAN WHEN I FIRST FOUND YOU. BUT TRY NOT TO EXERT YOURSELF

ONCE WE EXIT THE VEHICLE YOU'RE GOING TO END UP FEELING THE PAIN

BUT WOULD THAT BE SO BAD COMPARED TO HAVING YOU RELEASED AGAIN AND "ACCIDENTALLY" WALKING INTO ANOTHER VEIL?



MY INTENTIONS ARE TO HELP YOU IN THE END, AND YOU WILL HAVE NO BETTER OPTION THAN TO AGREE.

I PLAN TO KEEP YOU SECURED AT HQ UNTIL YOU'RE FIT TO BE RELEASED WITHOUT THESE FREQUENT ENCOUNTERS BECOMING ACCIDENTAL.

YOUR UNKNOWN ABILITY TO INTERFERE WITH OUR FIELD OF WORK IS

YES.

TRUST ME I'VE BEEN IN YOUR SHOES BEFORE. IT WILL BE VERY EFFECTIVE, AND YOU WILL FEEL MUCH BETTER THAN NOW. EVERYTHING IS GOING TO BE OK

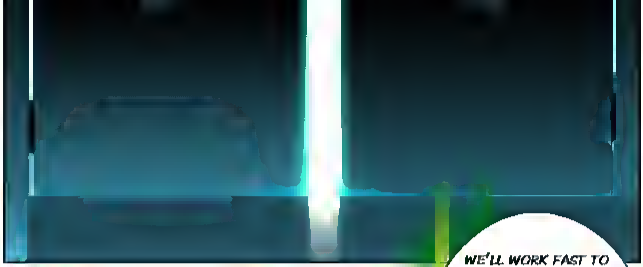
SO HOW LONG DO YOU PLAN ON KEEPING ME THERE THEN?

—

SINCE DAY ONE YOU'VE BEEN GIVING ME ALL THIS INFO AND HAD SOME SORT OF A LEASH ON ME.

I FEEL LIKE YOU'RE NOT JUST GONNA LET ME GO AFTER I GET BETTER WILL YOU?

OHO..
SO YOU CAN BE A

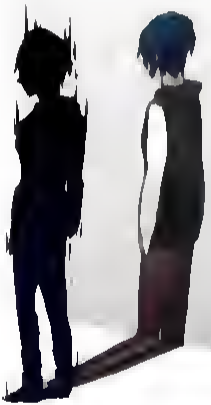


WE'LL WORK FAST TO STOP THE PAIN AGAIN. BUT IF IT HELPS YOU CAN JUST TELL YOURSELF THAT YOU'RE A BADASS WITH THESE WOUNDS.

IT'S WHAT I DO TO HELP ME GET THROUGH IT.

SO BRIGHT...

THEY CAN AFFECT THE WAY YOU THINK, THE DECISIONS YOU MAKE, AND EVEN YOUR LIFESTYLE. EVENTUALLY, THESE DEMONS WILL END UP CONTROLLING YOU.



AND IT DOESN'T ALWAYS PERTAIN TO FEARS RELATING TO PHYSICAL HARM OR DEATH. IT BRANCHES OUT SITUATIONALLY AND CAN VARY FROM PERSON TO PERSON.

WE'LL BE THERE SOON.
...AND YOU SAY I'LL BE TREATED THERE TOO?
VROOOOOM
TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY.

WE COMBAT TIMOREM AND PUT THEM IN THEIR PLACE. WE'RE HIRED TO FACE YOUR FEARS FOR YOU.
THEN... IS THAT WHY YOU WERE THERE IN

TANGIBLE AND ACT ON THEIR HATE. THEY LEECH OFF US.
THEY FEED OFF OUR ENERGY AND GROW STRONGER AS WE CONTINUE TO SUBMIT TO OUR WEAKNESS.

IT WAS A LITTLE OBVIOUS IN THE BEGINNING THOUGH...

AND IS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE A COMPLIMENT?

BUT THE WAY YOU PUT IT MAKES IT SOUND LIKE WE'LL BE KEEPING YOU PRISONER

MAYBE HE'S PERHAPS RUBBING OFF OF SOMEONE JUST AS SPONTANEOUS?
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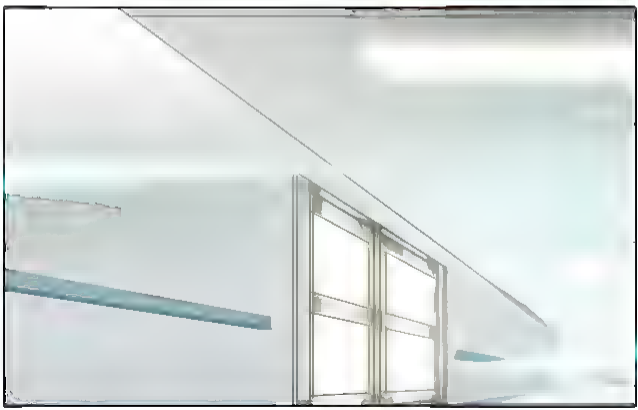
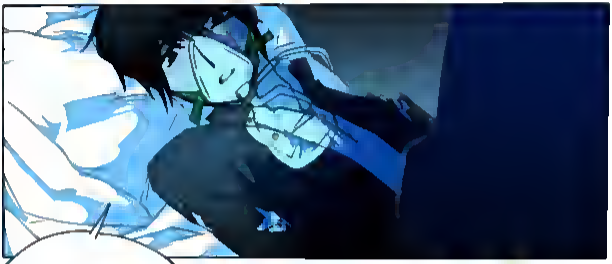
...HE'S SURE GOT A LOT TO GO THROUGH FROM HERE...

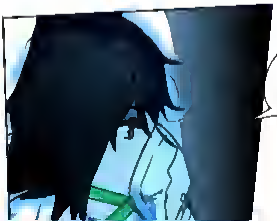


SEEMINGLY BEYOND YOUR CONTROL AND COULD END UP DOING MORE DAMAGE THAN SIMPLY JUST ENDING YOUR LIFE



AS IN WHAT? WILL YOU BE TEACHING ME HOW TO CONTROL IT THEN?

YES, BUT THAT'S JUST PART OF IT. ACCEPTING TRAINING IS ESSENTIALLY AGREEING TO WORK WITH US.



WORK WITH YOU?

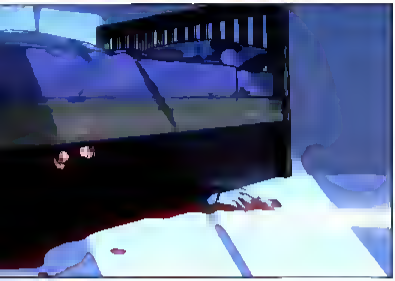
AND WHAT EXACTLY IS IT THAT YOU DO? YOU NEVER REALLY WENT INTO THAT MAJOR DETAIL IN THE FIRST

SELF-ESTEEM
I'm afraid of looking at myself in the mirror
why do I have this body
don t need to fit in, I just want
don t want to made fun of
FAILURE
I can t enjoy family dowy

HE WAS AN URGENT CASE WE WERE REASSIGNED TO WHILE SURVEILLING YOU

HIS TIMOREM HAD GROWN POWERFUL SO QUICKLY THAT IT MANAGED TO SET UP A VEIL FOR ITSELF TO CONSUME JULIAN.

JULIAN'S MENTAL STATE MUST HAVE BEEN IN SHAMBLES FROM VENTURING OUT AT NIGHT SEARCHING FOR HIS STEP BROTHER



IN OTHER CASES, THEY CAN CHOOSE TO KEEP THEIR ORIGINAL FORM AND INSTEAD JUST DEVOUR THEIR HOSTIA TO MAKE THEM TANGIBLE.

THE MORE WE FEAR, THE STRONGER THEY GET.

THEY ARE THE TIMOREM THE TRUE

SO THIS IS
THE KID THAT
HARVEY BROUGHT IN?

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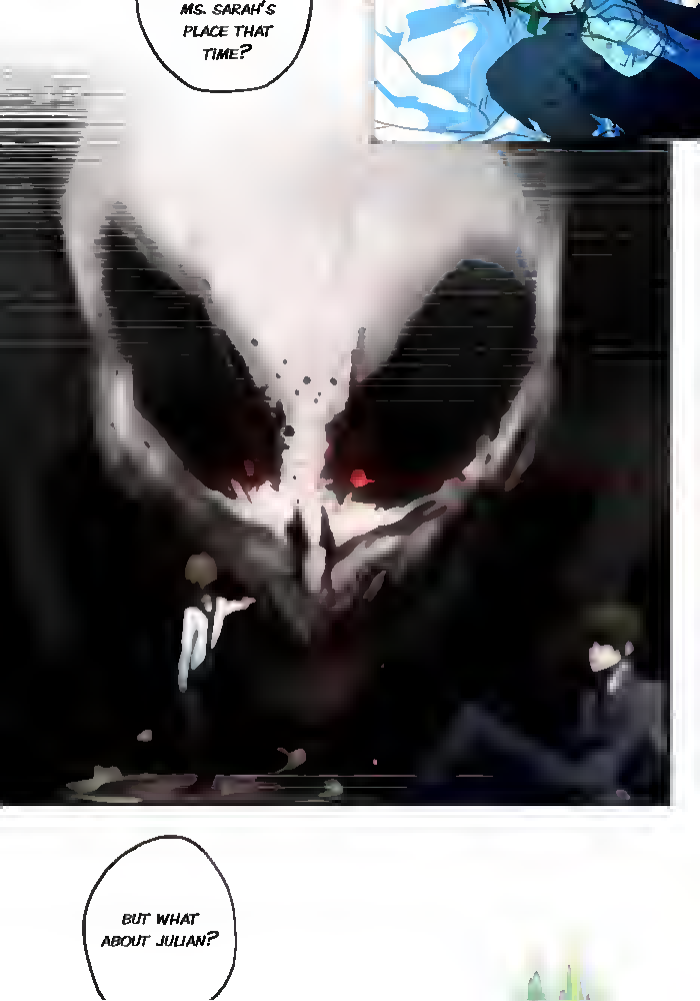
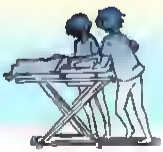

MS. SARAH'S PLACE THAT TIME?
BUT WHAT ABOUT JULIAN?

JUST BEAR THROUGH IT FOR NOW AND REMEMBER, YOU'RE A BADASS NOW!

GOOD LUCK!



ANY RELATIONSHIPS OR CONNECTIONS WITH PEOPLE WHO POTENTIALLY CAN HELP YOU.

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LEON IS IT?

BUT SEEING HOW YOU BOTH MADE IT OUT ALIVE MAKES HIS CASE SPECIAL.

WHAT MOST LIKELY HAPPENED IS THAT HE BUILT UP THE FORTITUDE TO DEFEAT HIS OWN TIMOREM WHICH IS REALLY IMPRESSIVE CONSIDERING HIS AGE.